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SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENTS IN THE UNIVERSITY INTERVENTION

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1. FOUR DAYS OF OCCUPATION OF THE UNIVERSITY HAVE BROUGHT NO ANTI-GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATIONS BY THE STUDENTS OR BY ANY OTHER SEGMENT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC. ALL STUDENTS WITH WHOM EMB-OFFS HAVE SPOKEN DISCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY OF MASS VIOLENCE. ONE COMMENTED THAT DEMONSTRATIONS NOW WOULD BE "SUICIDE". STUDENTS EXPRESS DEEP FRUSTRATION OVER THE CLOSURE OF THE UNVIERSITY AND RESENTMENTNZOWARD BOTH THE GOU AND THE EXTREM-ISTS WHOSE ACTS PRECIPITATED THE CLOSURE.

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2. THE JOINT FORCES CONTINUE THEIR OCCUPATION OF UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS, WHICH WERE OPENED TO PUBLIC VIEW FOR SIX DAYS BEGINNING OCTOBER 30. EMBOFFS WERE STRUCK BY THE CHAOTIC CONDITION OF THE FACULTIES WHICH THEY VISITED. DIRT, TRASH AND NEGLECT CHARACTERIZED ALL. JOINT FORCES DISPLAYED ENORMOUS AMOUNTS OF PROPAGANDA IN ALL FACULTIES AND A COMPARATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF CRUDELY-MADE WEAPONS IN SOME. THOUSANDS OF URUGUAYANS OF ALL AGES HAVE WAITED IN LONG, SLOW LINES TO SEE THE UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS AND COMMENTS OVERHEARD INDICATE THAT THEIR REACTION WAS SIMILAR TO OURS, INCREDULITY THAT AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION COULD HAVE SUNK TO SUCH DEPTHS.

3. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS, MILITARY LEADERS HAVE EXPRESSED DELIGHT OVER THE INCIDENT THAT GAVE THEM A PUBLICLY ACCEPTABLE PRETEXT FOR INTERVENING THE UNIVERSITY. HOWEVER, THE SAME OFFICERS EVADED THE QUESTION OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT AND IT SEEMS OBVIOUS THAT THEY HAVE NOT THOUGHT DEEPLY ABOUT THE TASKS OF RECONSTRUCTION.

4. ACCORDING TO RUMORS, MANY FACULTY MEMBERS ARE CONSIDERING LEAVING URUGUAY AND AN EXODUS OF INTELLECTUALS IS A POSSIBILITY.

5. ALL OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS REMAIN OPEN AND ARE FUNCTIONING NORMALLY.

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